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APPLICATION OF )  
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SERIAL NUMBER: 10/091,640 ) GROUP NO.: 1714  
FILED: March 6, 2002 )  
TITLE: POWDERED THICKENER )  
PREPARATIONS BASED ON POLY- )  
URETHANE AND THEIR USE FOR )  
THICKENING AQUEOUS SYSTEMS )

AMENDMENT

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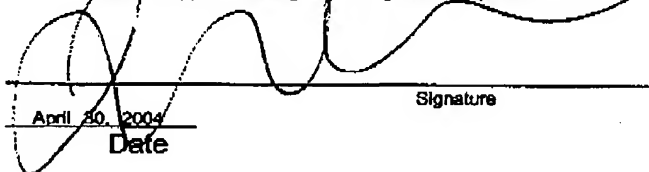
In response to the Office Action dated December 31, 2003 in the above identified application, it is respectfully requested that the presently claimed invention be reconsidered in view of the following amendments and remarks. A separate Petition for an Extension of Time is being submitted herewith.

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